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### REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-16 were pending in the Application. In this Amendment, no claims have been amended, cancelled or added. Thus, claims 1-4 and 6-16 are pending in the application.

On June 12, 2003, Applicants representative discussed the application with the Examiner. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone discussion.

As discussed with the Examiner, this Amendment is submitted further to the Amendment dated May 19, 2003 and to amend the specification to be consistent with Figs. 2 and 3 and to revise the cross-hatching shown in Fig. 2.

### Drawings

A new Fig. 2 was submitted with the Amendment dated May 19, 2003. During the telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 12, 2003, Applicants' representative agreed to revise the cross-hatching of Fig. 2. Accordingly, a substitute drawing of Fig. 2 is enclosed which includes the same cross-hatching as shown in Fig. 1, except with a change in direction.

Thus, Applicants submit that Fig. 2 is acceptable.

### Amendments to the Specification

At the bottom of page 7 of the previous Amendment submitted on May 19, 2003, Applicants stated that the Specification would be amended to be consistent with Figs. 1-3. As discussed with the Examiner on June 12, 2003, this Amendment amends the Specification to be consistent with Figs. 1-3. Applicants submit no new matter has been added.

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### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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